IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

DECEMBER 20, 1860.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Davis made the following

REPORT.

[To accompany bill S. 523.]

The Committee on Military Affairs and the Militia, to whom was referred the memorial of Lieutenant George L. Hartsuff, of the United States Army, having had the same under consideration, report:

The memorialist asks to be refunded in the sum of \$380, lost by him while in his possession as acting assistant commissary of subsistence, and, as such, traveling under orders on board of the steamer Lady Elgin, in September, 1860, when she was wrecked near Chicago, Illinois, with the loss of about 300 lives, and nearly everything on board.

It appears that the memorialist was ordered, by direction of the War Department, from Mackinac, Michigan, to Chicago, on 5th September, 1860, to purchase subsistence stores for the troops at the former post. At Chicago, finding it equally convenient to make his purchases by check upon the sub-treasury, he did so, and retained his money (\$380) to be taken back with him to Mackinac; and while returning thereto, on board the steamer Lady Elgin, this money, which was public funds, and for which he has accounted by turning over his own money to his successor, was irreparably lost to him; and the committee, satisfied that the money was accidentally lost, that the memorialist used all due diligence to secure and save the same, report a bill for his relief.